



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

BUDGET, SERVICES AND STRATEGIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

September 18, 2006 3:20 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2, City Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Wayne Wright
Councillor Jonathan Cote
Councillor Bill Harper
Councillor Bob Osterman
Councillor Betty McIntosh
Councillor Lorrie Williams

PRESENT:

Councillor Calvin Donnelly

STAFF:

Mr. Paul Daminato	- City Administrator
Mr. Rick Page	- City Clerk
Mr. Tim Whitehead	- Director of Development Services
Mr. Rod Carle	- General Manager of Electrical Utility
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering
Mr. Gary Holowatiuk	- Director of Finance
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Judi Turner	- Assistant City Clerk

REPORTS

City Administrator:

1. [Electrical Utility Commission Bylaw No. 7125, 2006](#)

The City Administrator reviewed his September 12, 2006, report seeking approval for Bylaw No. 7125, 2006, to enable establishments of the New Westminster Electric Utility Commission.

During the ensuing discussion, the following matters were raised:

- Council's role vis a vis the Commission
- Importance of having knowledgeable people on the Commission
- The bylaw provides for too few Commission members to ensure coverage and safeguard decision making by a sufficient number of Commissioners
- The importance of Electrical Department revenues to the City's budget
- Concern with what appears to be a separate mandate in that the Commission will recommend a collective agreement to the City, will set organizational conduct and standards, will approve operating and capital budget and authorize contracts, will oversee and discipline management
- How will daily operations be conducted and will City departments continue with existing cross departmental activities
- That Commission minutes should be circulated to Council.

** **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT Electric Utility Commission Bylaw No. 7125, 2006, be forwarded to the Regular Council meeting of September 18, 2006, for consideration of first and second readings; and

THAT public notice of the bylaw be given prior to adoption in accordance with the requirements of the Community Charter.

Opposed: Councillor Harper.

Director of Development Services:

2. [Development Variance Permit No. 444 for 112 Miner Street](#)

Members discussed the September 13, 2006, report from the Director of Development Services regarding DVP 444 to allow construction of an addition to the duplex at 112 Miner Street and were advised that the project was supported by the Community Heritage Commission.

- ** **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT the City give notice that it will consider a resolution to issue Development Variance Permit No. 444, with the following variance, to allow construction of an addition to the duplex at 112 Miner Street:
- A height of 28 feet (8.53 meters) for the addition.

All members of Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3. **Amendment to Development Permit 012 (Q) Amendment #6 for Queensborough Landing at 805 Boyd Street**

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Director of Development Services, advised that the staff recommendation should request approval of the Development Permit, rather than issuance of notice. Staff responded to questions and discussion ensued.

- ** **MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**
THAT an amendment to Development Permit 012 (Q), to permit the proposed 36,500 square foot multi-tenant commercial building at the Queensborough Landing development at 805 Boyd Street, be approved.

All members of Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

4. **Regional Environmental and Industrial Land Issues**

The Director of Development Services reviewed his September 18, 2006, report discussing the function of the Agriculture Land Reserve, the Green Zone, and regional industrial lands in managing regional growth, as an introduction to Council's participation in the *Livable Region Strategic Plan* review.

During the ensuing discussion, the following matters were considered:

- New Westminster's role in industrial land and its conversion to other uses
- Status of green zones
- The potential for community gardens on undeveloped lands
- Need a clear understanding of: How much agricultural land does the city have and how it will be protected; what will happen to it if certain policies are approved

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the September 18, 2006, report from the Director of Development Services, discussing the function of the Agriculture Land Reserve, the Green Zone, and regional industrial lands in managing regional growth, as an introduction to Council's participation in the Livable Region Strategic Plan review, be received.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT staff examine the feasibility of conducting a comprehensive review of all industrial lands in the City for the purpose of identifying future need and use for industrial land in the city with end goals of creating an industrial land reserve to protect valuable and usable industrial land, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

CARRIED.

All members of Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

Director of Engineering:

5. [Construction Noise Bylaw Variance to Allow Greater Vancouver Regional District to Carry Out Sewer Interceptor Maintenance](#)

**** MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, this Committee recommends**

THAT a construction noise bylaw variance application from the Greater Vancouver Regional District be approved to allow scheduled maintenance of their sewer interceptor on Columbia Street at McNeely Street during the week of September 25, 2006.

All members of Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

NEXT MEETING

October 16, 2006

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Certified Correct,

WAYNE WRIGHT, CHAIR

RICK PAGE, CITY CLERK

****** Denotes recommendations referred to Regular Council meeting of September 19, 2006, for ratification.